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REMARKS

Applicant thanks the examiner for the courtesy extended to applicant's representative Larry Cullen during an interview on June 10, 2005.

During the interview, applicant explained their invention, explained the prior art references, and explained the differences between them. Applicant advised the Examiner that U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0037001 to Jin is commonly assigned to the same assignee as the present application, and hence is not eligible as a reference in a § 103 rejection.

Applicant also explained that Jin provides a technique for multiplexing communication signals over a single telephone cable 15 to enable communicating with a plurality of devices with different communication connections. Jin does not disclose a mechanism for enabling a selection of a plurality of call agents and call control languages by the user.

Applicant proposed to amend claim 1 as substantially presented above, and has applied similar amendments to independent claims 14 and 24. It is applicant's understanding that the Examiner generally agreed with Applicant that the claims as amended are patentable over the prior art of record. The Examiner advised that a further search would be conducted upon presentation of the amendment.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of claims 1, 3, 6-10, 12, 14, 16-19 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Jin is moot in view of the above amendments as discussed in the interview. No further response is believed to be necessary.

Applicant also respectfully submits that the rejection of claims 2 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Jin in view of U.S. Pat. No. 5,473,679 to LaPorta is moot in view of the common assignment of Jin and the present application, i.e.

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Jin is ineligible as prior art in a § 103 rejection as set forth by § 103(c). No further response is believed to be necessary.

Having fully responded to the Office action, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Should any issues arise that prevent early allowance of the above application, the examiner is invited contact the undersigned to resolve such issues.

To the extent an extension of time is needed for consideration of this response, Applicant hereby requests such extension and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account number 502117 for any fees associated therewith.

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